

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A filter (10;110) for a liquid supply assembly including a reservoir (9;109) capable of being mounted on a hand held for connection to spraying apparatus such as a spray gun (1), the filter (10;110) comprising an elongate tubular body (10A;110A) closed at one end and open at the other end, the open end being provided with a support collar (27;127) that fits in a filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ of a reservoir (9;109) and locates said open end so that the filter body (10A;110A) extends away from the opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ within the reservoir (9;109) when liquid is added to the reservoir (9;109) through the filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ characterised in that: the tubular body (10A;110A) of the filter (10;110) is sufficiently rigid to maintain an elongate tubular shape and has a surface area and volume when within the reservoir (9;109) to permit, in use, filling of the reservoir (9;109) with liquid that is filtered on being added to the reservoir (9;109) to produce a supply of filtered liquid within the reservoir (9;109) for supply to the spray gun (1) when the reservoir (9;109) is connected to the spray gun (1); and the filter is sufficiently flexible to allow the filter to collapse if the reservoir containing it collapses.

2. (currently amended) The filter of claim 1 wherein the tubular body of the filter (10;110) has a cross-section such that the filter (10;110) can be dropped into the reservoir (9;109) to locate the support collar (27;127) in the filler opening ~~(120)~~ (12C).

3. (original) The filter of claim 2 wherein the tubular body of the filter (10;110) has an axial length substantially the same as the depth of the reservoir (9;109) in which it is received.

4. (currently amended) The filter of claim 1 wherein the support collar (27;127) has an external lip (27A;127A) at the outer end that seats around the marginal edge of the filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ to locate and retain the collar (27;127) in the opening (12C) ~~(120)~~.

5. (original) The filter of claim 1 wherein the support collar (27) is integral with the tubular body (10A) of the filter (10).

6. (currently amended) The filter of claim 1 wherein the support collar (127) is connected to a cage (128) that surrounds the tubular body (110A) of the filter (10) within the reservoir (9;109) which cage is sufficiently flexible to allow the filter to collapse if the reservoir containing it collapses.

7. (original) The filter of claim 6 wherein the cage (128) comprises a plurality of legs (128A) extending from the support collar (127) at the open end of the tubular body (110A) to a base member (128B) at the closed end of the tubular body (110A).

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The filter of claim 1 wherein the tubular body is provided with at least one annular support hoop spaced from the collar.

10. (currently amended) A liquid supply assembly for use with spraying apparatus such as a spray gun, the liquid supply assembly comprising a container (11;111) ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ for containing a liquid, the ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ container having a collapsible side wall and a base on which it can stand unsupported in an upright position and capable of being connectable in use to mounted on a hand held spray gun (1) for supply of the liquid to an inlet of the spray gun (1) and having a filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ for adding liquid to the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~, and a filter (10;110) for filtering liquid added to the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ through the filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~, the filter (10;110) comprising an elongate tubular body (10A;110A) closed at one end and open at the other end, the open end being provided with a support collar (27;127) that fits in the filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ so that the filter body (10A;110A) extends away from the opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ within the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ when liquid is added to the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ through the filler opening (12C) ~~(120)~~ to filter liquid added to the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ characterised in that: the tubular body (10A;110A) of the filter (10;110) ~~is sufficiently rigid to maintain an elongate tubular shape and~~ has a surface area and volume within the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~ to permit filling of the container ~~reservoir (9;109)~~

with liquid that is filtered on being added to the container reservoir (9;109) to produce a supply of filtered liquid within the container reservoir (9;109) for supply to the spray gun (1) when the container reservoir (9;109) is connected to the spray gun (1); and the filter is sufficiently flexible to allow it to collapse as the container side wall collapses.

11. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A liquid supply assembly according to claim 11 for use with a spraying apparatus such as a spray gun, the liquid supply assembly comprising a container for containing a liquid, the container being connectable in use to a spray gun for supply of the liquid to an inlet of the spray gun and having a filler opening for adding liquid to the container, and a filter for filtering liquid added to the container through the filler opening, the filter comprising an elongate tubular body closed at one end and open at the other end, the open end being provided with a collar that fits in the filler opening so that the filter body extends away from the opening within the container when liquid is added to the container through the filler opening to filter liquid added to the container wherein, the container reservoir (9;109) comprises an open-topped container (11;111) and a lid (12;112) arranged to close the open end of the container (11;111) and forming the end wall in which the filler opening (12C) (120) is formed, the container (11;111) being collapsible as liquid is withdrawn from the container reservoir (9;109), and the filter is sufficiently flexible to allow the filter to collapse as the container reservoir containing it collapses.

12. (original) A liquid supply assembly of claim 11 wherein the container (11;111) has a flexible sidewall (11C;111C) and a comparatively rigid base (11B;111B) and the sidewall (11C;111C) is foldable to move the base (11B;111B) towards the lid (12;112) as liquid is withdrawn from the reservoir (9;109).

13. (original) The liquid supply assembly of claim 12 wherein the lid is provided with an extension sleeve or cage surrounding the container to provide support for the container.

14. (new) The liquid supply assembly of claim 10 in which the elongate tubular body of the filter is tapered toward the closed end.

15. (new) The liquid supply assembly of claim 10 in which the tubular body of the filter is oriented at an angle that is not parallel to the side wall of the reservoir.

16. (new) The liquid supply assembly of claim 10 in which the reservoir is characterized by a shape having a longitudinal axis and the filler opening is offset from the reservoir longitudinal axis.

17. (new) The liquid supply assembly of claim 10 in which the filler opening is not an open end of the reservoir.

18. (new) The liquid supply assembly of claim 10 in which reservoir comprises a container and a circular lid, and the filler opening is in the lid and has a diameter of one-half the diameter of the lid or less.